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So it must; and God hasten the day when a custom, requiring such a deed from such a man, shall no longer pollute any spot upon which the gospel of peace sheds its celestial beams. Will patriots, *can* philanthropists, *dare* Christians, any longer bear in silence this mighty incubus of guilt and blood on the bosom of crushed humanity? If they do, God will hold them responsible for the consequences; and wo to the church, wo to the world, if Christians persist in their cruel slumbers over this crying sin, and shame, and curse of Christendom.

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## ARTICLE VI.

### LITERARY NOTICES.

1. *The Little Soldier; a Plea for Peace.* Published by the Massachusetts S. S. Society. Boston. 1837. pp. 122.

THIS is one of the best books for the young on the subject of peace that we have ever seen; and we thank the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society for its labors in this as well as other departments of *evangelical* instruction, and think their example worthy of being imitated by all those who are charged with providing mental aliment for the rising generation. The style, the facts, the arguments, the spirit, all are very much as we could wish; and, if every book put into the hands of children throughout Christendom were fitted to exert a similar influence, wars would cease, with the very next generation, from every land blest with the light of the gospel. We commend the book to our young readers, and to all that would aid in educating a generation of peace-makers. It is *multum in parvo*, a little *manual of peace*.

2. *Dissertation on the Subject of a Congress of Nations.* By a Friend of Peace. New York. 1837. pp. 156. 12mo.

It is well known, that a few individuals, several years ago, offered, through the American Peace Society, a premium of *one thousand dollars* for the best dissertation on a Congress of Nations. The first committee of arbitration virtually made no decision at all, by proposing to divide the premium between some half dozen competitors; and the last committee, having selected each a different essay, succeeded no better, and gave back the manuscripts to their respective writers.

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